

# Office of the Common Interest Community Ombudsperson

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Pending	Senate President pro tempore designee				

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# Common Interest Community Advisory Council Committees

COMMITTEE / MISSION STATEMENT	CHAIR	COMMITTEE MEMBERS
<p><b>COLLECTIONS; LEGISLATION; and PROCESSES COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>The mission of the Collections; Legislation and Processes committee is to study and advise the Ombudsperson on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Mechanisms to increase the collection rate of common interest community assessments;</li> <li>-The feasibility of mandatory mediation, arbitration and other forms of ADR, and implementing, if feasible; and</li> <li>-Adoption, amendment or rescission of Delaware law or court rules to improve operation of common interest communities.</li> </ul>	Chad Toms, Esq. Chair	<p>William P. Brady, Esq.  Sarah Keifer  Delores McLamb  Charles Stirk  Fred Fortunato  Tony Campisi  Jack Hilaman <i>ad hoc</i></p>
<p><b>COMMUNITY CONFLICT RESOLUTION/ADR COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>The mission of the Community Conflict Resolution/ADR committee is to advise the Ombudsperson about developing conflict resolution procedures within common interest communities, including the feasibility of mandatory mediation, arbitration, or other forms of alternative dispute resolution for disputes not able to be resolved within common interest communities and, if deemed feasible, how to implement the processes.</p>	Vacant, Chair	<p>Chad Toms, Esq.  Ruth Visvardis  William P. Brady, Esq.  Leslie W. Ledogar, Esq.  Patricia Woodring</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITY REGISTRATION COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>The mission of the Community Registration committee is to study and develop mechanisms for registration of common interest communities with the State or other political subdivisions.</p>	Christopher J. Curtin, DAG	<p>Tony Campisi  Douglas Denison</p>

<b>OFFICE OPERATION COMMITTEE</b>  The mission of the Office Operation Committee is to advise the Ombudsperson in operating the Office, other than law enforcement and investigation.	Vacant, Chair	Sarah Keifer Delores McLamb Patricia Abernethy, Ph.D.
<b>EDUCATION COMMITTEE</b>  The mission of the Education Committee is to provide training and information to Delawarean's about common interest communities. The committee plans and presents 3 educational seminars on an annual, full day basis, one in each county, and shorter presentations on an as needed, or <i>ad hoc</i> , basis.	Gail E. Launay-Tarlecki, Chair	William P. Brady, Esq. Chad Toms, Esq. Patricia Woodring Tony Campisi
<b>MENTORING COMMITTEE</b>  The mission of the Mentoring Committee is to provide timely and useful information to all boards mentored, according to best practices. The goal is to leave the board with a better understanding of effectively running the community by adhering to the governing documents and by promoting community participation.	Delores McLamb, Chair	William P. Brady, Esq. Gail E. Launay-Tarlecki Ruth Visvardis Patricia Abernethy, Ph.D.
<b>Nominations Committee</b>  The mission of the Nominations Committee is to identify persons interested in participating on the Common Interest Community Advisory Council or committees, and direct them to the Ombudsperson or the appropriate appointing authority, according to the Ombudsman's Act, 29 <i>Del. C.</i> § 2546; and to develop and execute a strategy for doing so.	Charles C. Stirk, Jr.	

**Common Interest Community Advisory Council**  
**Schedule of Meetings 2020**

**Meet 6 times in 2020.**

- **Fourth Wednesday, every other month beginning in January (*except November*= Third Wednesday).\***
- **All meetings begin at 1:00, pm.**
- **All meetings allow for 2 hours.**

**All meetings 4th Wednesday, (*except November* = Third Wednesday)\***

January 22, 2019: Sussex County

March 25, 2020: New Castle County

May 27, 2020: Kent County

July 22, 2020: Sussex County

September 23, 2020: New Castle County

November 18, 2019: Kent County (*Third Wednesday* of November to avoid Thanksgiving)\*

**This Schedule is on the Public Meeting Calendar. <https://publicmeetings.delaware.gov/?agencyId=239>**

**Check for meeting locations, usually in County facilities, agenda and minutes.**